



The Essential Guide to **DIY Roof Inspections**

Checking up on the health of your roof is easier than you might think. Here's a helpful checklist based on Expert advice, designed to make your DIY roof inspection as smooth (and safe) as possible.

Tools & Equipment

- A sturdy ladder
- Non-slip shoes (for secure footing)
- A camera (or smartphone)
- Notebook
- Pen (or pencil)
- Binoculars (if you prefer to inspect from the ground)

1 **Visual Inspection from the Ground**
Start with a walk around your home. Look for signs of aging or damage—like broken shingles. Use your binoculars for a closer look.

2 **Ladder Inspection**
If you're comfortable, climb up for a closer inspection. Ensure the ladder is secure and have someone spot you for extra safety.

3 **Check the Shingles**
Look for any that are cracked, loose, or missing. Note any moss or algae growth which can indicate moisture issues.

4 **Inspect the Gutters**
Ensure they are attached securely and free of debris. Check for granules from the shingles, a sign of wear.

5 **Look at the Joints and Edges**
Check around chimneys, vents, and where the roof meets the walls. Any cracks or breaks could lead to leaks.

6 **Inspect the Ventilation**
Make sure vents are clear and unobstructed to ensure proper airflow in your attic.

7 **Interior Check**
Finally, head to your attic. Look for signs of water infiltration like stains or mold, and ensure insulation is intact.